

PASSING OF
JOS. R. WALKER
Head of the Firm of Walker Bros.
Dies of La Grippe.

POWER IN LOCAL BUSINESS.

Commented Life as a Wood Hauler—
Ends with His Name Second to None
in the Western Commercial World.

Joseph Robinson Walker died at his home in this city at 8 o'clock last evening of a very aggravated form of la grippe.

The death of Mr. Walker removes one of the pillars from Utah's commercial temple. He began life in Salt Lake as a humble wood hauler, he ended it with his name connected with a firm which, for credit and power, stood second to none in the western business world. Mr. Walker retired from active business three years ago, on account of feeble health, and it was hoped by his family and friends that a life of rest and quiet would restore his old-time vigor and vitality. But the effects of years of hard physical toil, exposures and hardships had taken too deep a root upon his constitution, and gradually his hold upon life grew more feeble.

In the early part of the winter he went to California with two of his sons, returning from there about two weeks ago. He was slightly improved in health, and on going to the bank he contracted a severe cold, which developed into a severe case of la grippe. His condition grew more and more grave, and on Friday last the feeble ray of hope which the physician had entertained dissolved out from him. On Saturday morning he died at his home, surrounded by his family and friends. He was a native of Vermont, and had spent the greater part of his life in the local business world. And it was not a shooting star, but rather a fixed one which reflected a steadily increasing light in the world in which it was called to shine.

BROTHERS IN CALIFORNIA.

His brothers, M. H. and D. F. Walker, are both in California. The former has been visiting at Del Monte and the latter at San Mateo. They were informed by the local press of the death of their brother, and they are on their way to Salt Lake to attend the funeral.

Mr. Walker's surviving family consists of one daughter, Mrs. M. C. Walker, and four sons, J. R. Walker, Jr., Charles, Bert and Ray Walker. His wife, Mary A. Carson, died in 1897.

J. R. WALKER'S CAREER.

Joseph R. Walker was born at Yendish, Yorkshire, England, August 29, 1851. He attended the schools there until he was 15, and then came to Utah, where he had been having been a member of the "Mormon" Church, he came to the United States with his parents and brothers. He lived at St. Louis, and in 1871 the father and two daughters fell among the cholera victims when that plague settled upon the city. The father died, and the two daughters were left orphans. The father's estate was worth \$100,000, and the two daughters were left with a small sum of money. The father's estate was worth \$100,000, and the two daughters were left with a small sum of money.

DARING STREET ROBBERY.

Thomas Shaw, a Laundry Deliveryman, Attacked by Two Thugs.

That Salt Lake is not yet rid of thugs and robbers, was made evident Saturday evening between 6:30 and 7 o'clock, when a daring robbery was committed in front of the Salt Lake college institute, on Second East street.

The victim was Thomas Shaw, a delivery man for the American Laundry, who was walking home from work.

According to Shaw's story he had delivered a package in the college building and as he stepped out to the sidewalk a couple of men accosted him and one of them asked him if he had his bundle. He gave some name which Shaw was not to repeat.

As the laundryman was looking through his package, the two men suddenly pounced upon him. One of the thugs struck him a terrific blow

on the head, presumably with a sand-bag, knocking him senseless into the ditch.

The robbers quickly cleaned his pockets of all the cash he had and then jumped into the laundry wagon, rode east on Second South, where the rig was found later.

Shaw was found by Shelly Tuttle, who resides just north of the college building. He happened to go to the front door and was attracted by Shaw's screams. Mr. Tuttle immediately ran to his assistance, called for help, and with the assistance of James Donahue, Shaw was carried to the sidewalk and Mr. Matthews, manager of the laundry, notified the police of the occurrence and officers were sent out to look for the robbers.

Shaw's injuries consisted of several bruises on the head and his throat was very sore from the choking he had received. He said that one of the thugs was large and the other medium sized. Both were well dressed and wore Fedora hats. Manager Matthews of the laundry notified the police of the occurrence and officers were sent out to look for the robbers.

Y. M. M. L. A. CONFERENCE.

The conference of the Mutual Improvement Association of the Salt Lake Stake will be held in the Tabernacle Sunday, January 13th.

There will be a general meeting at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, followed by an officers' meeting at 6:30. The Stake presidency of the Y. M. M. L. A. is anxious that there may be a full representation of all the associations in the Stake on this occasion.

OBEY THE HEALTH BOARD.

Advice Given Citizens of Lehi by Mayor Austin.

[SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS."] Lehi, Jan. 7.—The smallpox cases of Lehi have simmered down to only four flags flying this morning, and a notice was given out in the regular fast meeting yesterday by the school trustees to the effect that all the district schools of Lehi would be opened this morning, to all healthy teachers and pupils, regardless of vaccination.

Right after this notice was read Mayor George Austin stated to those assembled at the meeting that he would advise the citizens to consider the question well before sending their children to school, as it is very liable that a law suit will be entailed if the proclamation issued by the State board of health be ignored, and children be permitted to go into the school rooms without being able to show a certificate of successful vaccination or immunity from smallpox. A great many of the people here are very much opposed to vaccination, and the board of trustees were rather in a dilemma as to what to do. As the parents of the vaccinated children threatened to prosecute if the schools should be closed and their children should be obliged to remain at home.

On the other hand there are over 700 children not vaccinated, and to close the schools against them would make the attendance so small that it would not pay to run them.

CLEARED UP BUSINESS.

The board of county commissioners met on Saturday afternoon at a late hour and after transacting some routine business that had accumulated, adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m. today.

The reports of the county treasurer and auditor were read and approved. The claims that had been filed with the auditor during the week and since the board's last meeting, were approved.

The claims of W. H. Evans and Edward Nissen, deputies in the county surveyor's office, for overtime, were approved. The members of the new board were in attendance and the point was raised as to when the new county officers should assume their duties, and the old ones retire. The State Constitution says the new officers shall take hold on the first Monday in January, but no time of day is given. There is a statute, however, which says the change shall occur at noon on the first Monday. The retiring and incoming members were present and agreed that the Constitution should govern, and hence the newly elected county officers were present this morning and assumed control when the various offices were opened.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Business Transacted Late on Saturday Afternoon.

Late on Saturday afternoon the Supreme court granted a writ of certiorari to George Smith on his petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

Smith against the Oregon Short Line Railway company, wherein plaintiff obtained a judgment of \$2,500 for personal injuries in Judge Cherry's court. After the recovery of this judgment against the railway company, Judge Cherry granted the defendant's motion for a new trial, but the plaintiff claims it was not tried within the time designated by the rules of court, and therefore was illegal, and plaintiff prayed that the action of Judge Cherry in this respect be overruled. The writ is made returnable for argument February 21st next.

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